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TO:
Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

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For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR REDUCING TONER USAGE IN PRINT OUTPUT

Enclosed are:

5 No. of Sheets of Drawings Sheet(s) of drawings (informal) + extra copies;
 26 pages of Application; 18 pages of specification, 1 page of abstract

An assignment of the invention to International Business Machines Corporation. (Will follow.)
 An associate power of attorney.

A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

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Certified copy of Patent Application No. filed from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

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C	SUBTOTAL - ADDITIONAL CLAIMS FEE (ADD FINAL COLUMN IN LINES A + B)					324
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E	BASIC FEE*			SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$345; LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$690		\$690
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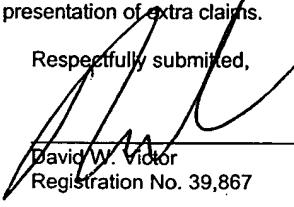
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